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MILK PRODUCTION

MINNESOTA'S MAY MILK OUTPUT UP 3 PERCENT

May 2005 milk production totaled 733 million pounds in Minnesota, up 3 percent from the 715 million pounds produced in May 2004, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised April milk output was 701 million pounds.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,610 pounds in May 2005, up 55 pounds from last May. The revised April rate was 1,540 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during May 2005 was 455,000 head, the same as April, but down 5,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 5 months of 2005 was 3.48 billion pounds, up less than half a percent from the same period a year ago.

MAY MILK PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during May 2005 totaled 14.24 billion pounds, up 4 percent from May 2004 in the 23 major states. Revised April production for the 23 states was 13.65 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,754 pounds during May 2005, up 62 pounds from May 2004. Revised April output per cow was 1,683 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during May averaged 8.12 million head, up 54,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 5 months of 2005 was 67.19 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	May 2004	Apr 2005 Rev.	May 2005	May 2004	Apr 2005 Rev.	May 2005	May 2004	Apr 2005 Rev.	May 2005	2005 as % of 2004
	Thousand Head			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
CA	1,720	1,751	1,754	1,830	1,820	1,875	3,148	3,187	3,289	104
ID	417	443	445	1,850	1,850	1,920	771	820	854	111
MN	460	455	455	1,555	1,540	1,610	715	701	733	103
NY	655	646	646	1,580	1,565	1,665	1,035	1,011	1,076	104
PA	557	563	565	1,605	1,600	1,675	894	901	946	106
WI	1,242	1,233	1,233	1,560	1,535	1,615	1,938	1,893	1,991	103
23 States	8,064	8,109	8,118	1,692	1,683	1,754	13,641	13,647	14,240	104